

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Iraq

a. Resistance to the new regime--chiefly by Communist elements in scattered areas of the country--is waning.

b. Reverberations of the revolt are being felt in Syria and Kuwait, which have been the scene of demonstrations with a pro-Nasir flavor.

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d. Moscow, probably hoping to cut its losses, recognized the new government yesterday.

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the new government reveals a strong admixture of young men. Many of them are, by Iraqi standards, very well educated. some in the West.

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2. Cuba

a. One of Castro's main agencies for nourishing subversion in the hemisphere, the Institute for Friendship with Peoples, received a sizeable budget boost (1,300,000 pesos) late last year. The agency's funds are used in large part to cover the expenses of Latin Americans who are brought to Cuba.

b. Venezuela was a major target of Havana Radio's insurrectionary appeals again last week, but nine other Latin American nations were similarly treated.

c. The government is sounding pessimistic about this year's sugar harvest. Fidel's brother, Ramon Castro, who is in charge of sugar production in Oriente Province [redacted] [redacted] charged recently that the whole agricultural picture is in a sorry state because of government bungling.

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d. In a speech this past weekend, Che Guevara railed against bad harvesting practices and admitted that Soviet long-term loans were necessary because of shortfalls in sugar output. He reminded his audience in so many words that Cuba would have a one-crop economy for a long time to come.

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g. We have seen a number of indications that the government is strengthening its anti-insurgency forces.

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3. Indonesia-Malaya

a. The Indonesians yesterday added more acrimony to their angry exchanges with Malaya.

b. Subandrio called a special press conference to declare his country's unqualified opposition to the Malaysian federation.

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c. "With such a hostile Malaya at the head of Malaysia," he said, "there may be incidents and it will be difficult to avoid war."

4. Congo

a. Adoula has called his resident agent for Katanga back to Leopoldville to discuss means of making progress on integration.

b. Far more of the Katangan gendarmerie have faded into the bush than turned up last week to surrender arms and register with the central government.

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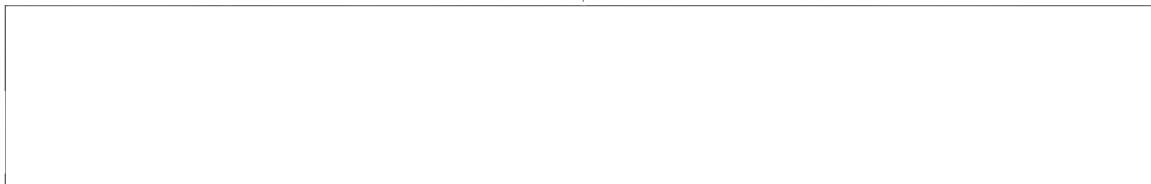
- A. Burma Differences with Premier Ne Win over the pace of socialization have led to the removal of Brigadier Aung Gyi who had been the principal moderating influence in the government.

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